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DURING THE NEXT FEW YEARS.

WITH THE KEEN MINDS OF OTHER PLACES POINTING TO THE OPPORTUNITIES BEFORE THIS TOWN, HAYS IS ENJOYING THAT LIMELIGHT.

It's Time To Get Busy.

(By P. CASPAR HARVEY)

The assertion that people outside of Hays realize the future of Hays three hundred per cent more than do the people inside of Hays, hurts the people of Hays enough for the people of Hays to deny it. And this denial proves that their denial is only another way of affirming the original truth, nevertheless.

This is not saying in the least that Hays or Hays folks do not realize the future of the town. It is saying, however, that other people looking at Hays with a perspective and from a distance realize it more concretely than does Hays itself.

Last week there appeared an editorial in the Salina Evening Journal that showed what Salina is actually thinking. Before reading that editorial, please note, it does not say "today," but distinctly "during the next few years." So many Hays people ask the short-nosed question "What will it pay me, today?" This is the key to this editorial. In other words Roy F. Bailey and Roy Buckingham used their "vision" when it was written. The editorial is a frank one. Salina is afraid that Hays will become a menace to her own commercial supremacy in Western Kansas; and Mr. Bailey and Mr. Buckingham as the spokesmen for Salina, can rest assured that Hays intends to do this very thing. The wholesome feeling between the two towns will, of course, continue to exist. Salina realizes, as well, that the bigger Hays, the bigger must Salina be. But Hays does not wish for Salina to get the major portion of the profit of that bigness.

"During the next few years" is the refrain of a song of prophecy concerning Hays for which Hays is indebted to Salina. "During the next few years!"

But read the entire editorial from the November 3rd Journal:

TIME TO GET BUSY.

"Railroad development in Western Kansas during the next few years threatens to cut off a slice of Salina's trade territory unless something is done.

"If the roads proposed south from Hutchinson to Hays and then north into Nebraska are built, this northwestern Kansas business seeking a southern outlet will be diverted through points other than Salina. These roads will contribute to the upbuilding of that splendid western Kansas town, Hays, as nothing else will. Salina desires to see Hays develop into an important western Kansas town, but she does not like to lose part of her trade.

"It is just a question of building the first south road into Salina. Commodities from northwestern Kansas arrive here every day without an easy south shipment that do not stay long. Kansas City gets a bulk of the business because Kansas City is the only trading point that is accessible.

"The other day several trainloads of stock passed through Salina to Kansas City. The owner said he preferred to sell them in Salina or some southern point like Wichita, but he could not bill them there direct. His excuse was good. Salina has no southern outlet and she needs one badly. With another outlet south she can bolster up her market and become more of a packing center. That is the destiny of Salina. With a great stock country at her front door she should be able to develop into one of the best packing house centers of the state.

"All of this will come some day if we wait until long enough. But why wait? Why let other towns beat Salina to what she needs? Why be aloof about building a city which has opportunities to become a Western Kansas leader. Plenty of pep and go-gettiveness will cure the indifference of many citizens. Let's make Salina one of the Kansas cities which has enough backbone and industry to take leadership in development.

Thanks.

I do hereby tender my most sincere thanks to the fireman of Hays for the prompt and efficient manner in which they responded last Tuesday afternoon when my carpenter shop was on fire. As it is my loss is about one hundred dollars. But for their promptness and efficiency, the loss would have been much heavier. Again many thanks.

J. D. WOLF.

Frank Bunker is adding sleeping porches to his residence on North Main Street.

Miss Bertha Virmond returned Thursday evening from a visit with friends in Salina.

The tower of Babel, corner of Chestnut and North Main, is beginning to point skyward.

Wanted.—A second-hand typewriter. George H. Cox.

The Normal Squad went to St. Marys this Friday morning to try conclusions with the college squad in that city. We are betting on Hays.

On next Thursday evening the ladies of the Methodist church will serve a supper. All invited. Remember, the supper will be in the church dining hall.

Potatoes \$2.00, wheat \$1.75, flour \$8.00, Sugar \$8.00, butter 40c, eggs 30c,—well the only things that remain at the same old price are mouse-traps, 6 for 10 cents.

Gay Tillotson and party, with Gay's prize pack of greyhounds, caught three coyotes last Sunday, out near the Meserve ranch; but they failed to connect with the dinner they were expecting.

At the regular meeting of Fidelity Lodge 194, I. O. O. F., Tuesday, November 14th, there will be presentation of Veteran Jewel. A large attendance of members is requested. Visitors welcomed. By order of Lodge.

Lost.—Somewhere between the Methodist church and the Harry King residence on Sunday morning, a pin made of a \$5 gold piece, with the word "Ida" engraved on front. Finder please return to me or this office and receive reward. Mrs. Ida Ransom.

Coming to Windsor Hotel, November 15th, Dr. J. C. Marchbank, Eye-sight and Optical Specialist. Twenty-four years practical experience fitting eyes with glasses. Can fit any eye with lenses, that will respond to light. At Gorham, Kansas, November 18th.

Mrs. Mary Logan, formerly Mary Gauss, who was her last week to attend the funeral of her father, was called home, Saturday, on account of the death of her husband. She and her husband have been living at Herrington. Mrs. Logan will return to Hays and live with her mother.

Under the direction of Elsie Macintosh, the Sophomore College Class of the Fort Hays Normal, will present the three act comedy drama entitled "Bachelor Hall." A strong cast has been chosen and the play is one of the best that can be secured. The proceeds of the play will be used in helping finance the 1917 Reveille.

The football game between WaKeeney and Hays High School Wednesday afternoon, resulted in a score 20 to 3 in favor of Hays. The WaKeeney aggregation came down in a special, backed by three coach loads of loyal rooters, with the expectation, we presume, of eating the Hays squad raw, but failed in their very laudable desire. They returned to WaKeeney a badly licked bunch.

The State Teachers' Association meets in Topeka, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week. Miss Anna-belle Sutton, primary teacher in the public school, is chairman of the primary section and a member of the executive committee of the association. Practically all the teachers of the Normal are attending, and several of the teachers in the public schools.

The Ladies of the Presbyterian Aid Society are going to have a big bazaar at the G. A. R. Hall on Thursday, November 23rd, beginning at 2 p. m. and lasting until midnight. This bazaar will be something different from anything ever held in Hays. It will be like the big charity bazaars held in cities. The hall will be divided into booths. One booth will sell dolls of every description. Another booth will have aprons—either cook aprons or fancy aprons—any kind you like. Another booth will be filled with fancy articles such as fancy bags, towels and the like. A booth of underclothes, for either warmth or beauty, some for mother and all the children. A food booth where one can buy everything for Thanksgiving dinner, also delicious homemade candy. A Japanese booth where all kinds of Japanese goods will be for sale and tea served by Japanese ladies. A fish pond will delight the children and the grown-ups as well, for everyone loves to fish when they are sure to catch something. There will be music and laughter all the time. No admission. Be sure to come.

As Others Saw Magazine.

Concerning The Golden Belt Teacher which came from the press last week, The Free Press has clipped from among its exchanges these comments:

"In commendation of the Golden Belt Teacher, an educational monthly published at Hays under the management of P. Caspar Harvey of the Fort Hays Normal, Judge J. C. Ruppenthal of Russell, says: For a great empire like the west half of Kansas, the new Golden Belt Teacher should be an invaluable magazine in educational circles. The forty-seven counties in the Golden Belt District can make many pages of interesting news each month and P. Caspar Harvey is the man to get it."—The Kansas City Star.

"Volume 1, No. 1 of the Golden Belt Teacher, a magazine devoted to the interests of the Golden Belt Educational Association in the western part of Kansas, has been received in Topeka. . . . The magazine is well written and carries a liberal supply of advertising. The contributors are for the most part well known school workers of the western part of the state."—The Topeka Daily Capital.

"P. Caspar Harvey has started the Golden Belt Teacher at Hays, Kansas, and the fact that Caspar is running it is guarantee enough that it will be alive."—The Oakley Graphic.

FOR SALE.—A good bicycle. Inquire of Clarence Clark, or at this office.

AFTERMATH.

The feud or vendetta we had supposed was a relic of barbarism, but some men, even in this enlightened age, will resort, not to the knife or rifle, but to vilification, vituperation and innuendos of a poisonous nature, to kill his neighbor, not physically, but to ruin his reputation and his business. Such a man is as guilty, in his heart, as the man who deliberately takes his neighbor's life.

The re-elected republican officers owe their success largely to the loyal support of the people of Ellis. To the gentlemen and ladies of Ellis we tip our hat. Whatever the west end of the county should want in the way of political preferment the Free Press stands ready to boost.

The Deilalls of Kansas have turned the state over to the Philistines. "He kept us out of war." At the dawn of creation the woman fell for the wiles of the serpent. Mankind seems not to have profited by experience to any great extent by the lapse of time. It has been thousands of years since the incident in the Garden of Eden.

OBITUARY

Sylvester Clements was born in Marion County, Indiana, May 3, 1844; died at his home in Ellis county, November 9, 1916, age 72 years, 6 months, 6 days. He was married to Mattie Kearns May 3, 1878, and to this union thirteen children were born, of which twelve are living, seven boys and five girls.

Burial took place Friday afternoon at 2:30. A short service was conducted at the grave by Rev. E. O. Rogers.

The New Motion Picture House.

M. G. Kirkman has broke ground for the basement for his moving picture house near the Windsor Hotel on North Chestnut Street. The building will be 50x75 feet, one story of twenty-one feet in the clear, with basement the full size of the building. It is understood that the basement will be used for rest rooms, toilet, etc., and perhaps a reading room will be added. Everything possible will be done for the comfort and pleasure of the patrons of the house. Two machines will be installed so that there will be no waiting for shifting the films between acts, but the pictures will be continuous as they are in the cities. Upholstered chairs will be furnished throughout, in fact, they are already purchased. A costly screen of glass mirrors is now at the depot, on which the pictures will be shown. The latest electrical appliances will be installed. Everything right up to the minute will be Mr. Kirkman's watchword.

Carl Befort has sold a half interest in his fruit and confectionary store on Chestnut Street to his brother, and has accepted a position with the wholesale establishment of W. O. Anderson on North Main Street. And by the way, the Anderson wholesale establishment is doing a surprising amount of business. The first of last week Mr. Benton, the manager, stated to a Free Press reporter, that one day recently their local business reached over \$7000, besides three cars of produce that were not billed out from this point, which would bring the business of the one day up to at least \$12,000. That is going some for a town the size of Hays, and the short time which the business has been established.

To the People of Ellis County.

Through the columns of the press, I desire to publicly express my thanks for the loyal and noble support given me at the election last Tuesday. It shall be my duty to represent all the people of Ellis county at the State Legislature, and hope you will have no cause to regret the confidence you have placed in me. John R. Chittenden.

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